Kentucky Historical Society

Museum Collections and Exhibitions Summer 2013 Undergraduate/Graduate Intern Collections Photography Assistant (Churchill Weavers)

Do you have a passion for fashion and a desire to photograph museum textiles? Then this is the internship for you!

The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) seeks an intern to assist with photographing the Churchill Weavers fabric archive of 20th century hand-woven textiles. This is an exciting opportunity to work with a KHS signature collection and gain valuable experience in the areas of artifact photography, photo-editing, handling textile objects, identifying fabrics and database entry. The intern will photograph a wide range of textile products made by Churchill Weavers, including experimental textiles, ladies' clothing accessories, baby blankets and handbags. All photographs created by the intern will be linked to the collection's database records and made accessible to the public online via the KHS Objects Catalog. The intern will assist the Project Coordinator in promoting the collection via KHS's Facebook page and blog.

The internship is available for those interested in class credit and those just seeking more experience in the museum field. Exact timeframe and schedule will be mutually determined by the supervisor and the successful candidate.

Minimum requirements: Must be currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program working towards a degree in museum studies, public history, textile design or a related field. An interest in textiles and textile history is a must. The candidate must be detail oriented, self-motivated and possess strong organizational skills. Basic knowledge of textile fabrics and proper handling of museum objects and archival materials is ideal. Experience with digital cameras and Adobe Photoshop is a plus, but not necessary.

KHS is a state agency and membership organization that is fully accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The KHS mission is to engage people in the exploration of the Commonwealth's diverse heritage by providing connections to the past, perspective on the present and inspiration for the future.

This is a temporary unpaid position based in Frankfort, Ky. Housing is not provided.

To apply, email a cover letter, application and resume to physical-normalism. Physical-normalism (physical-normalism) and more information can be found at www.history.ky.gov.

Application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2013.